(c) whether it is a fact that taking advantages of the above policy, the Indian Oil Corporation Limited, has increased the price of Haldia slack Wax by Rs. 800/- per Metric Ton, effective from 15.12.1994, without making any changes in the prices of Barauni Slack Wax and Paraffin Wax Type-III and

(d) whether it is also a fact that Barauni Slack, Wax Haldia Slack Wax and Paraffin Wax Type-Ill are related to each other as. far as pricing factor is concerned?

THE.MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF. PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) slack wax being a free trade product, the oil companies are permitted to sell the product at market determined prices depending UPON the quality available from individual producing refinery'

Supply of Gas to gas-based fertilizer Plants in Tripura

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the reseries of natural gas proved in the four gar fields ol Tripura;

(b) what will be- the quantity ol gas in MMSCMD available by 1996-97;

(c) whether, it is a fact that Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers had recommended for allocation of Natural Gas to two proposals from interested promoters, including KRI-BHCO, for setting up fertilizer plants in Tripuna if so, whether the linkage has been given;

(d) whether it is also a fact that Oil and Natural Gas Commission and Gas Authority of lndia Limited had asked for 30 months time to make available only 0.5 MMSCMD gas to one; industrial group interested in setting up a Methanol plant in Tripura, if so, the reasons for such unusually long time to supply the required gas; and

(e) what measures are being taken by ONGC/GAIL to make sufficient gas available to the entrepreneurs interested in setting up gas-based fertilizer plants in Tripura

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) The recoverable reserves as on 1/4/94 stood at 13.58 BCM.

(b) According to the 1994 profile of ONGC, upto 2.16 MMSCMD could be made available.

(c) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, had recotn-. mended allocation of naturalt gas to KRIBHCO. However, KRIBHCO is not presently interested in pursuing the proposal.

(d) A lead time, of 30—36 months is required to sets up additional production and handling facilities due to logistics constraints in the region.

(e) ONCC/GAIL take the required steps only after an allocation is made and the gas supply contract is signed by the party.